

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device comprising:

BPR a first hollow body with ^aan end and side wall ~~a bottom and sides~~;
gas generants filled densely in the first hollow body;

⁵ ^{an} an electric ignitor formed by housing igniting agents in a second hollow body with ^{a side wall}a side wall ~~an end~~ ^{bottom and sides}bottom and sides, and closing the second hollow body with a plug; and

a holder positioning the second hollow body in a center of the first hollow body and ~~fixing~~ fixed to the first hollow body while holding the plug of the electric ignitor, wherein

a ratio of an empty space volume to a ~~full volume of a space partitioned~~ defined by an inner surface of the first hollow body, an outer surface of the second hollow body, and the holder is less than 20% ~~by volume~~.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are powdery or granulated, and filled in a ~~compression~~ compressed state.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein a part of ^{AB}~~the full volume~~ is filled with a spacer inserted between ~~outer surfaces of the sides~~ the outer surface of the second hollow body and the inner surface ~~surfaces of the sides~~ of the first hollow body.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 7, wherein a part of ^{AB}(the full volume) is filled with a spacer inserted between the outer surfaces of the sides surface of the second hollow body and the inner surfaces of the sides surface of the first hollow body.

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Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are compressed ~~in advance~~ and ~~filled in~~ the first hollow body so that a concavity in which the second hollow body is inserted is formed.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 7, wherein the gas generants are compressed ~~in advance~~ and ~~filled in~~ the first hollow body so that a concavity in which the second hollow body is inserted is formed.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants, ~~being~~ are substantially incompressible ~~or hard to compress~~, and are filled densely and a part of ^{AB}(the full volume) is filled with a spacer inserted between the outer surfaces of the sides surface of the second hollow body and the inner surface of the sides surface of the first hollow body.

Claim 13 (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 8, wherein said spacer is made of a gas generant composition.

Claim 14 (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 9, wherein said spacer is made of a gas generant composition.

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Claim 15 (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein said volume ratio is {preferably} less than 15%.

Claim 16 (New) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 15, wherein said volume ratio is {most preferably} less than 10%.
